



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

RQ-3

December 7, 2000

David Plouffe, Treasurer
Democratic Congressional Campaign
Committee - Expenditures
430 S Capitol Street SE
Washington, DC 20003

Identification Number: C00000935

Reference: July Monthly (6/1/00-6/30/00) and August Monthly (7/1/00-7/31/00) Reports

Dear Mr. Plouffe:

This letter is to inform you that as of December 6, 2000, the Commission has not received your response to our request for additional information, dated November 15, 2000. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. To ensure compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act (the Act), please respond to this request (copy enclosed).

An adequate response must be received at the Commission by December 27, 2000. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Andrew J. Dodson on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or our local number (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John D. Gibson".

John D. Gibson
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

Enclosure



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Identification Number: C00000935

Reference: August Monthly Report (7/01/00-7/31/00)

Dear Mr. Plouffe:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): administrative services and political services. For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

-Schedule E discloses independent expenditures on behalf of federal candidates (pertinent portion(s) attached). Schedule B of a previous report disclosed in-kind contributions on behalf of some of these same candidates. Under 2 U.S.C. §431(17), an "independent expenditure" is defined as:

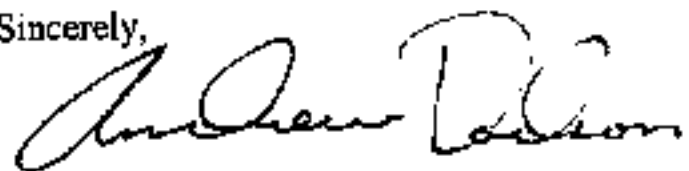
... an expenditure by a person expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate which is made without cooperation or consultation with any candidate, or any authorized committee or agent of such candidate, and which is not made in concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate, or any authorized committee or agent of such candidate.

The coordination involved in making an in-kind contribution to a candidate may preclude your committee from making an independent expenditure in support of the same candidate. Under 11 CFR §109.1(c), any expenditure which does not qualify as an independent expenditure is considered an in-kind contribution. Please amend your reports to disclose the aforementioned transactions as in-kind contributions (Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the Detailed Summary Page), or provide additional clarifying information concerning the independent expenditures made in support of Michael Forbes.

If the reclassification of these expenditures as in-kind contributions results in excessive contributions, the Commission recommends that you notify the recipient(s) and request a refund of the amount in excess of \$5,000 per election. Please inform the Commission immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your refund request(s) sent to the recipient(s). In addition, any refund should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of your next report.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



Andrew J. Dodson
Acting Assistant Branch Chief,
Party/Non-Party Branch
Reports Analysis Division

ITEMIZED INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES

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Name of Committee (in Full)

DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE - EXPENDITURES

Full Name, Mailing Address & ZIP Code of Each Payee

Purpose of Expenditure

Date (month, day, year)

Amount

Name of Federal Candidate supported or opposed by the expenditure & office sought

Bill Crouse Communications
5149 Angeles Crest Highway
La Canada, CA 91011

Administrative Services

07/05/00

\$20,888.46

Michael Forbes NY/01

☒ Support ☐ Oppose

Bill Crouse Communications
5149 Angeles Crest Highway
La Canada, CA 91011

Communication Services

07/12/00

\$17,140.00

Michael Forbes NY/01

☒ Support ☐ Oppose

☐ Support ☐ Oppose

☐ Support ☐ Oppose

☐ Support ☐ Oppose

☐ Support ☐ Oppose

(a) SUBTOTAL of Itemized Independent Expenditures

\$38,028.46

(b) SUBTOTAL of Unitemized Independent Expenditures

\$0.00

(c) TOTAL Independent Expenditures

\$38,028.46

Under penalty of perjury I certify that the independent expenditures reported herein were not made in cooperation, consultation, concert with, or at the request or suggestion of any candidate or any authorized committee or agent of such candidate or authorized committee. Furthermore, these expenditures did not involve the financing of dissemination, distribution, or publication in whole or in part of any campaign material prepared by the candidate, his campaign committee, or their agent.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of August 2000

My Commission expires:

08-31-2002

NOTARY PUBLIC

Jamie Kymacopoulos
Signature

8/16/00
Date

